

To: Don't Waste Arizona[dwaz@fastq.com]
From: Salazar, Matt
Sent: Wed 8/31/2016 9:21:26 PM
Subject: RE: Hickman Information Request

Hi Steve,

Thank you. I passed on your tips to my water enforcement counterparts at here at EPA. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Matt

From: Don't Waste Arizona [mailto:dwaz@fastq.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 11:17 AM
To: Salazar, Matt <Salazar.Matt@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Hickman Information Request

Thanks so much. Glad to know. I am aware now of other violations of other federal environmental statutes at the Hickman's facilities in Arlington and Tonopah, besides the one alleged in our notice letter (attached). The facilities have 1500 gallon tanks of propane or natural gas

, but do not file Tier Two reports.

If an EPA investigator were to make an on-scene inspection, I suspect there would be violations found of the Clean Water Act also due to discharges to ditches and other places.

Thanks, again,

Steve Brittle

From: Salazar, Matt

Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2016 9:28 AM

To: dwaz@fastq.com

Subject: FW: Hickman Information Request

Hi Steve,

As Dan mentioned below, we sent an information request to Hickman Farms in June. I attached it here for your convenience. As you likely know, agency policy is not to comment on open investigations and please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Matt

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From: Meer, Daniel

Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2016 8:35 AM

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Cc: Lawrence, Kathryn; Bill Jones (jones.bill@epa.gov); Christenson, Kara; Jones, Joel E.; Miller, Amy

Subject: Hydrogen Fluoride Release at FujiFilm Electronic Materials

Dear Steve:

This email is in response to your communication on 14 July 2016 to Alexis Strauss, Acting Regional Administrator for EPA's Pacific Southwest Region, regarding implementation of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act, emergency response and an alleged release of a large quantity of hydrogen fluoride from a FujiFilm Electronic Materials Fuels facility in Mesa, AZ. EPA shares the concerns of Don't Waste Arizona regarding robust implementation of EPCRA by state and local agencies and we will continue to work with those agencies on that implementation.

After investigations by a number of agencies, including EPA's Criminal Investigation Division, the agencies concluded that the report of the release was not accurate and that no release had occurred. I apologize that we did not get back to you sooner regarding this finding.

During our conversation of 19 July, you referred another facility, Hickman's Egg Ranch, in Tonopah where you believe ongoing releases of ammonia from manure piles are occurring. On June 1, 2016, EPA sent a request for information pursuant to Section 114 of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7414, to Hickman's Egg Ranch, Inc. regarding its facilities in Arlington, Arizona, and Tonopah, Arizona.

If you have further questions, do not hesitate to call. Specific questions about EPCRA implementation can be directed to Kathryn Lawrence at 415.972.3039 or Bill Jones at 619.235.4776.

Regards, Dan Meer

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